BEFORE THE SHRINE.

I built a shrine and set my idol there.

And more and acces and night my knees I bent,
And cried aloud until my strength was spent,
Researching his cold pity with my prayer.

Bometimes at dawning, when the day was fair,
A ray of light to his stern visage sent
The semblance of a smile. "Does he relent,"
I cried, "thus strong god Love, whose high priest
is Despair?"

But noon came on, and in its full clear light

is Despair?"
But noon came on, and in its full clear light
I saw his lips, as ruthless as of old;
And his eyes mocked me like releations fate.
Till I was fain to hide me from his sight;
Then one swept off from him his mantle's fold,
And lo! my idel was not Love, but Hate.

### A HUT IN THE PRAIRIE.

I checked my horse, and after one long, straining look around owned to myself that I was lost. I had suspected the fact some time since, but had stubbornly fought down the suspicion, though my home evidently realized it. With pa-tient endurance he plodded along, resignation plainly expressed in the droop of his tail and ears. A Texas prairie is a beautiful, soul inspiring sight on a bright day, when the sky is an inverted bowl of turquois, and the wind comes sweeping over the grassy wastes as fresh and sweet as the bloom on a baby's cheek, but there can be no greater sense of desolation born of nature than that aroused by this same prairie when it lies black and bare to the chill October wind, which has plucked the glory of Indian summer

from earth and sky.

I felt this as I gazed about me, disconcerted and even a trifle anxious, for the sun had set some minutes before in a cloud heap, which, closing over it like a rebel horde deposing its king, overran his monarchy with its blood red standard. In place of the ranch, the hearty welpleasant words, bed, supper and fire I had expected to reach by sunset, there was nothing to be seen before, behind, on either hand, but the dead level of the plain. There were paths in plenty; in fact, the trouble was there were too many-all narrow and winding, for whose meandering there seemed not the slighte ; excuse, except the general tendcrookedness most things, aniency 1 mate s d inanimate alike, possess. But have taken the instinct of a and or a trailing Indian to have said thich paths had been made by horses' eet or those of cattle. It was certainly beyond my powers to decide, and in addition to their doubtful nature they had a most perplexing way of running into each other, crossing and re-

crossing, going off at a tangent and frequently wandering off and getting lost altogether. So I soon dismissed the problem as hopeless of solution. Now that the sun was gone, I found my knowledge of the points of the compass gone with it. As I sat perplexed and worried the gloom of twilight gathered fast and the chill of coming rain smote me through and through, while in the distance there was the roll of thunder. Glancing up I saw that the masses of cloud had closed together in a curtain of gray mist. My horse strode on of his own accord, and hoping that his insanct would lead us to some house I let him have his will. Presently it began to rain, a sort of heartbroken, passionless weeping, but with a steady determination to persevere all night, that

awoke graver apprehension in my bosom

than any amount of blustering, show-

ery downpour could have done. This

fine still rain was accompanied by a low

soughing wind that added its desolate

note to the general dreariness of the hour. Of course I did not mind a little rain, but the prospect of spending the entire night exposed to it was anything but agreeable, and I grew really violent in denunciation of the folly which had

led me, an utter stranger in the country, to attempt to find anything less than a volcano in active eruption on a bald prairie. The Texans are a fine people, in some -in many-respects the most admirable

of hosts, but individually and collectively they lack any appreciation of distance. This is due of course to them having so much space around them, but to a stranger ignorant of the extent to which the phrases "a little piece out" and "just outside o' town" can be stretched this contemptuous regard of miles is a little misleading. But in the face of that dreary, monotonous moaning of rain and wind even my anger at my own folly could not burn long, and though chilled to the bone and tired and hungry I plodded on dully, grateful that no night, even the longest, could last forever. It was now quite dark, and very dark at that, though at short intervals close to the horizon a faint gleam of lightning showed, too distant to cast brightness on my path and only sufficient to intensify the blackness about me.

All at once I saw a man walking about fifteen feet in front of me. Yes, I know I said it was intensely dark, but all the same, I repeat it, I saw a man walking in front of me, and furthermore I could see that he was a large man, dressed in rough but well fitting clothes; that he wore a heavy red beard, and that he looked back at me from time to time with an expression of keen anxiety on his otherwise rather fixed features.

"Hallo!" I cried, but as he did not halt I concluded he did not hear me. As a second hail produced no result I spurred my weary horse up to overtake the stranger. But though the gray responded with an alacrity most commendable under the circumstances, I soon found that this strange pedestrian did not intend to let me catch up with him. Not that he hurried himself. He seemed without any exertion to keep a good fifteen feet between us. Then I began to wonder how, with intense darkness shutting me in as four black walls, I was yet able to see my strange companion so clearly, to take in the details of his dress, and even the expression of his face, and that at a distance more than twice my horse's length when I could hardly see his head before me. I am not given to superstitious fancies, and my only feeling was of curlosity. When after attempt after attempt to overtake the stranger had failed, I took mercy on my jaded horse, and resolved to follow my unsociable

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guide, as he must have some definite des-

We went on in silence for nearly half an hour, when as suddenly as he had appeared he was gone. I looked around for him, half afraid from his instantand complete disappearance that I had been dreaming, when I perceived that I was close to a small, low building of some sort. I reined in and shouted several but not the slightest response could I hear, and at last I rode boldly up and tapped on the wall with the butt of my riding whip. Then, as this elicited no sign of life, I concluded that I had stumbled on some deserted house, or that it was the abode of my eccentric friend; so dismounting and tying the gray I resolved to spend the rest of the night under a roof or to find some good reason for continuing my journey. I felt my way along the wall till I reached a door, and trying this and finding that it yielded to me I stepped inside, striking a match as I did so. Fortunately I carried my matches in an air tight case, and as it was dry the one I struck gave me a light at once. I found myself in a large room, close to a fireplace, over which a rude shelf was placed, and on this mantel I saw an oil lamp, to which I applied my match as I looked about me.

On the hearth was heaped a quantity of ashes, and over these crouched a child, a little girl of 5 or 6. At the other end of the room, which was plainly and scantily furnished, lay a man across a bed, and as I raised the lamp I saw that he was the same I had been following. but there was something in his attitude and face that struck me as peculiar, and was about to go forward and look at him, when the child, who had at first seemed dazed at the light, fairly threw herself upon me.

"Have you anything for Nelly to eat?" she said, and then began to cry. "Oh, Nelly so hungry!"

I ran my hand into my pocket and drew forth what had been a paper bag of chocolate candy, but was now a pulpy unappetizing mass. I must confess to a childish fondness for sweets, which I usually carry in some form about me. I handed the remains of my day's supply to the child, and then walked over to the bed. Yes, it was the same man, red beard, rough clothes; but setting off the magnificent frame to perfection; the same man, but dead, long dead.

I took his hand only to find it stiff and cold, while his face had the dull gray aspect never seen in the newly dead. stood gazing down on him a little hand touched mine.

"Nelly so hungry!" said the child. "Have you eaten all the candy?" asked her.

"Yes, yes! But me hungry, for me had no dinner, no brekkus, no supper, and papa won't get up."

The house, which consisted of the large room, a smaller kitchen and a shed, where I found a quantity of hay and fodder, seemed quite bare of food, but by dint of searching in the hay I discovered a nest, which Nelly informed me was there, and in it two fresh eggs. These I boiled for her. When she had finished I soothed her to sleep on a bed I made for her before the fire. Then after I had put my horse in the shed room and fed and watered him I performed as well as I could a service for the dead.

When day dawned I was able to discern at some distance from the house a line of telegraph poles, and taking the child with me I followed these to the nearest town, where I notified the authorities of the death.

The dead man's name was Frederick Barnstaple. He was an Englishman, so found, a recent arrival in those parts. His daughter was restored to her family across the water, and is now a pretty girl of 17. I have never told this story before, but I am ready to take an affidavit to its truth. It all happened about thirty miles from Dallas.

Do the Deaf Dream of Hearing?

Dr. J. M. Buckley, an expert in matters pertaining to the deaf and dumb, has the following curious note to contribute concerning the dreams of persons born deaf:

In visiting institutions for the blind and the deaf I have made inquiry, and have never found an instance of a person born deaf, or of a child who lost his hearing before he was 4 years of age, dreaming of hearing. Among the results of recent inquiries I present the following from the principal of the State Institution of the Blind and Deaf at St. Augustine, Fla.:

"I have closely questioned the deaf children here as to whether they have ever dreamed of hearing, and the invariable answer is 'No.' I have asked the same question of upward of fifty deaf persons with the same result, except where the person interrogated had lost his hearing after learning to talk. These last mentioned are all grown persons of some education who understood the question fully, and are very positive that they had never dreamed of hearing more than a rumbling sound."—St. Louis Republic.

Some People Never Learn.

It is surprising how some people will continue to use things in daily life without any attempt to learn how properly to use them. There is, for instance, the man who can never learn to sharpen his razor, the woman who winds her watch the wrong way, the people who do not know that the time of starting the principal trains on the different railroads and the time of closing the mails is advertised in the newspapers, the people who blow out the gas, the folks who jump the wrong way from a moving car, the unfortunates who are always getting left or suffering injury or losing property because of unfamiliarity with things they ought to know.—New York Sun.

## How to Succeed.

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This is the great problem of life which few satisfactorily solve. Some fail because of poor health, others for want of luck, but the majority from deficient grit—want of nerve. They are nervous, irresolute, changeable, easily get the blues and "take the spirits down to keep the spirits up." thus wasting money, time, opportunity and nerve force. There is nothing like the Restorative Nerrine, discovered by the great specialist, Dr. Miles, to cure all nervous diseases, as head ache, the blues, nervous prostration, aleeplessnes, neuralgia, St. Vitus dance, fits, and hysteria. Trial bottles and fine book of testimonials free at Isa Leist's drugstore.

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Sense About Ventilation. [Copyright by American Press Association.] When a church is to be built one of the principal things mentioned by those immediately interested is that the entire space within the structure shall be made available for hearing and seeing. In the case of a little church that seats only 200, if there be a little room to one side, it is desirable that the seating capacity of this room be available in connection with the large room, so that upon extraordinary occasions all may be thrown into one. This is an almost universal condition, and

s particularly true of small churches. Take the case of the little plan here given. In the main audience room there is a seating capacity of about 225. In the Sunday school class room back of the main there is capacity for about fifty more, and thirty-five or forty may be seated in the gallery above. The class room in this and other structures of similar character should be arranged so that it may be cut off from the main room, and have its individual use without connection with the larger room. Thus the purpose of the meeting is better subserved, and at times

heat and light are economized.

A vestibule of relatively large size is always desirable in connection with a church



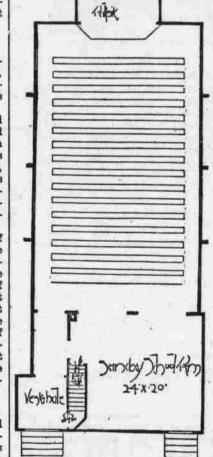
building. People come on a cold or rainy day, take off their wraps and overshoes and arrange themselves in a way to dis-turb none who are on the inside. Then it is much pleasanter not to have a door opening directly into the room from the cold or noise of the street. It is true that there is one door which opens from the class room to the outside in the case of this structure, but it is placed there in deference to prejudice and not to reason. The people who build this church think that on general prin-ciples it is quite desirable that two doors be provided, that upon the unusual occa-

sion both doors may be open that large numbers may pass through both entrances. In case of fire it is argued that the church can be emptied much more rapidly. Now, in truth, the extra door will not be used in this building, and in a one story structure there is not much danger of being injured by fire. As it is, one can go into the vestibule and thence to the main room, or from this same room to the class room or the gallery above. Thus the extra door

is altogether unnecessary.

There is nothing plentier outside a church than fresh air, and it is almost universally true that the air inside the church s nasty. A great deal\_of energy has been wasted in attempts at Thurch ventilation, and for anything which is so desirable as fresh air it is really very strange that nothing proper has been done in the way of supplying what is wanted. Now it is said that fresh air is cheap. While this is true as to fresh air, it is not true as to fresh air warmed to a summer temperature during very cold weather. The coal combination has something to say about the price of warmed fresh air. There is one way to furnish good air in the church building of this kind. Warm it below in a furnace, let it pass through the room and to the

The furnace should be ample, the air inlet large and the air outlet large. The coal



PLAN. pile should be ample, because large quantities of outside air are brought into the furnace and heated by it, distributed through the registers in the floor to the room above, breathed and allowed to pass out. Now this is simple, natural ventilation; but people will be wiser than they are now before s church will be ventilated in this way There is always some one to object to the coal bill. It is cheaper to breathe the nastiness of foul air, and those who object to the coal bill do not care for the bad ventilation. They are used to it. They are old: they have been brought up on it It is hard to beat an idea into a man who

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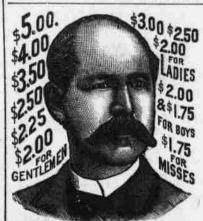
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